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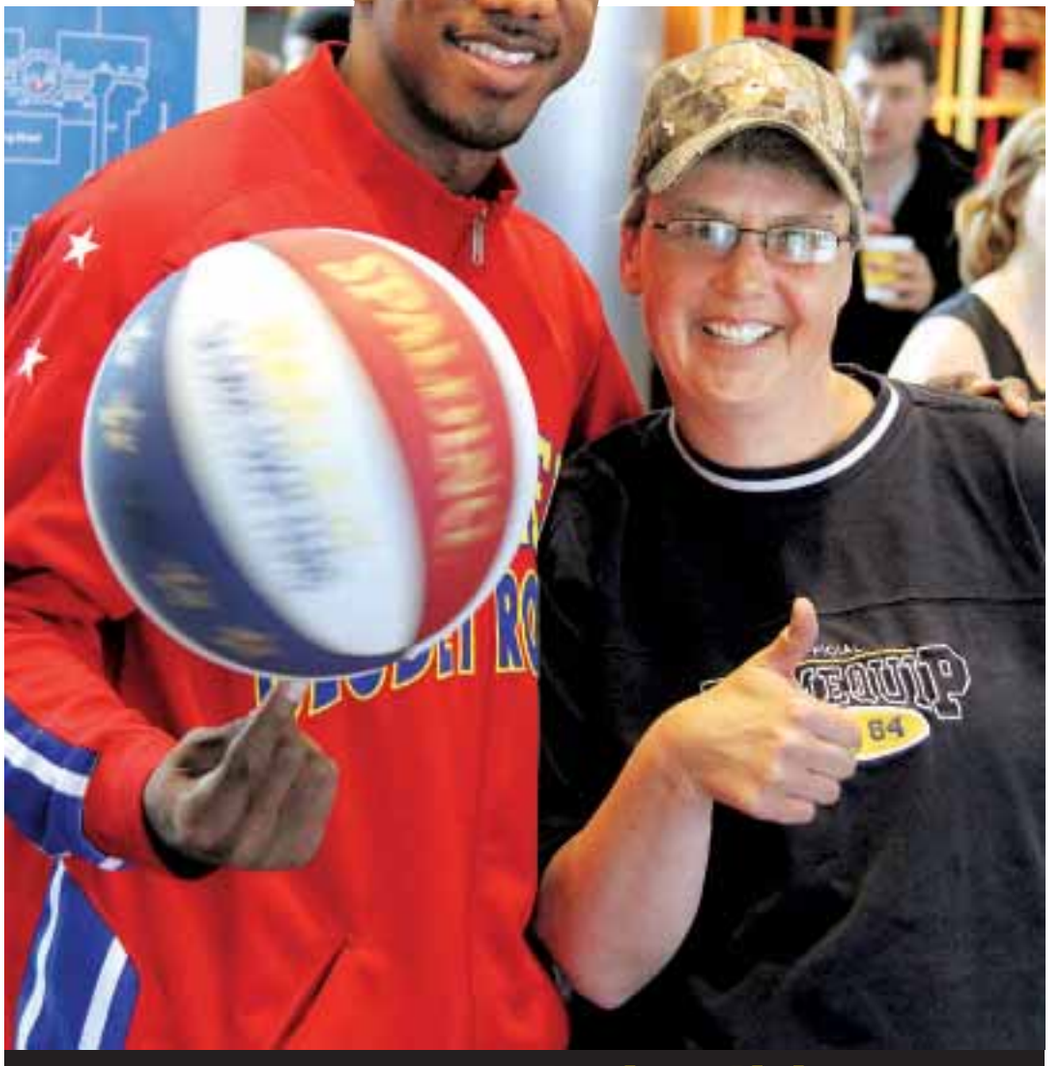

Goodbye, cell shock?

Skyrocketing wireless bills. Ontario consumer ministry vows to tighten rules governing cellphone charges

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Page after page of technical lingo and contract legalese is causing far too many cases of "cellphone shock" when people open their wireless bills, Ontario's top consumer watchdog said Thursday.

The issue ranks consistently in the Top 10 complaints to the Ministry of Consumer Services, and Margarett Best, head of the agency, is promising action.

Best plans to introduce a law governing wireless-service contracts that would include a requirement that the agreements spell out which services come with the basic fee and which cost extra.

Jan Delaney, president of the London-based Better Business Bureau of Western Ontario, considers that a step in the right direction.

"Anything that would make the rules more clear for consumers is a good thing," Delaney said. "We always say, 'Make sure you read the contract.' But sometimes the contract is eight pages long and (confusing)."

Under Best's proposal, consumers would have to be notified of changes to wireless contracts and agree to them before they can be implemented. The law would force providers to cap contract-cancellation fees and charge only a "modest fee" for walking away from fixed-term contracts.

Another key aspect of the proposal is clearer prices for consumers before they sign a contract. The bill would also require service providers to notify consumers when they are about to exceed the minutes in their contract before they rack up extra charges.

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The fine print

If your bill looks fishy ...

London customers should contact the Better Business Bureau that serves Toronto. That's because complaints need to be filed in the jurisdiction where companies are headquartered, said Jan Delaney, president of the London BBB.

The bureau urges people to read contracts before signing them. A key way to ensure you know what's in a contract is to ask, Delaney said. People shouldn't be afraid to have a salesperson outline cancellation or return policies, service charges and additional fees.

"If you find (later) that they are charging you for things that were not determined in the contract or things they didn't tell you about, you have a legitimate case to return it or (take other action)," Delaney said. "If the people who are waiting on you don't have the answers, then I would put (the purchase) off."

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Harlem Globetrotters BOUNCE INTO TOWN

Londoner Michelle Stilwell, grand-prize winner at the Harlem Globetrotters meet-and-greet at Citi Plaza on Thursday afternoon, offers a thumbs-up with veteran Globetrotter Buckets Blakes by her side. The world-famous basketball show takes over the John Labatt Centre on Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are still available at johnlabattcentre.com. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

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On the web

The high-five

Now you have one less gesture you can trust, lest you get suckered into somebody's Internet prank video. Watch at metronews.ca.

Double Dutch dog

You'd think having four legs would trip him up, but Geronimo — a.k.a. the Double Dutch Dog — somehow manages to hop, skip and jump through some tough jump-rope activity. Watch at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

Apple releases security update to combat FlashFake virus that hit 600,000 Mac users. But some critics say it's too little, too late. Scan the code for the story.

She's got the beat

Jessica Grahn. UWO.CA

Neuroscientist at Western wins Grammy grant

While she didn't share the stage with Bruce Springsteen or Adele at the 54th annual Grammy Awards, Jessica Grahn is now a Grammy winner.

Grahn, a neuroscientist at Western University, has been awarded a grant from the Grammy Foundation for her research in studying how the brain reacts to music.

The aim of Grahn's project, which received $19,500, is to use magnetic-resonance imaging to understand the neural processes that allow humans to sense the beat in musical rhythm.

With one of only six research-focused grants awarded across all of North America, Grahn's project involves collaboration with Western scientists Stefan Everling and Joe Gati. METRO

Bank robbery

Police quick to catch suspect

London police have a man in custody after a bank robbery Thursday morning — about a block from police headquarters.

At 9:42 a.m. police responded to a robbery at the TD Canada Trust at 687 Dundas St. A suspect was seen fleeing from the bank and was quickly apprehended by police. METRO

Seed Your Startup

Helicopter-photo pitch wins big

A pitch for using remote-controlled helicopters to take low-altitude aerial photographs came out on top in Thursday's Seed Your Startup business competition launched by BizInc.

Called Simcoe View, the business is the brainchild of Western University student Chris Bacik.

The competition doled out $5,000 aimed at having the company up and running in London this summer. METRO

Crime-scene tape surrounds a home at 4 Archer Cres. on Thursday morning where police say a 50-year-old woman was stabbed to death late Wednesday. Police charged Chawki El-Birani, 53, with the second-degree murder of his wife, Sonia El-Birani, 50. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Man charged in woman's death

City's first homicide of 2012. Police report multiple stab wounds on woman's body

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Ryan Mitchell was getting ready for an overnight shift at work when he peeked out a window of his south London home Wednesday and saw chaos unfolding.

"There were cop cars everywhere," Mitchell said.

The man who lives across the street — at 4 Archer Cres. — was being led toward a waiting cruiser in handcuffs.

Two women — who Mitchell, 20, believes are the man's daughters — were standing in the front yard.

"(They) were screaming, 'I hate you!'" to the man in police custody, Mitchell said.

Moments later, near midnight, a woman was wheeled out of the house on a stretcher, other neighbours said. Paramedics were performing chest compressions as she was loaded into an ambulance.

Police are investigating the incident as the city's first homicide of 2012.

Chawki El-Birani, 53, has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of his wife, Sonia El-Birani, 50.

Sonia El-Birani was pronounced dead at London Health Sciences Centre after police found her in the home with multiple stab wounds. An autopsy has not been completed.

Neighbours said the family — described as consisting of a man, woman and two young adults — has lived in the home for several years.

They, like most families on the street, kept to themselves, several people said.

"We were pretty shocked," one woman said about the scene that played out Wednesday evening.

"You get the odd (police) car that goes down the street … (but) this neighbourhood's very quiet."

911 call

11:41 p.m.

Time on Wednesday that police received a 911 call about a woman in "medical distress" at 4 Archer Cres.

Stewart Kennedy. OMA.ORG

Wage freeze. Doctors fear big cut in pay

Ontario's doctors say they could be facing a 16 per cent pay cut over four years because of the government's proposed wage freeze.

The Ontario Medical Association says it is "seriously concerned" about what it calls a significant negative impact on patients, physicians and the health-care system because of terms suggested in last month's budget.

The minority Liberals have said there will be no pay increases for doctors, noting physicians have been getting salary hikes between nine and 11 per cent in recent years.

The OMA has indicated a desire to work with the government, but in a newsletter to members president Stewart Kennedy says he's concerned about cuts to overall health expenditures and a spending freeze for physician services.

He says those changes — along with a lack of new investment to address the needs of an aging population — could translate into almost 16 per cent less money per doctor.

The Liberals have promised to reduce annual growth in health-care spending to 2.1 per cent from the current 6.1 per cent as they battle a massive deficit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shock till you drop. Shock Stock celebrates the horror-film subculture

If you're unfamiliar with the horror-film subculture and aren't quite sure what this weekend's Shock Stock has to offer, listen up.

"When you walk into Centennial Hall, you're going to see an ocean of oddities," co-organizer Jake Windatt said of the second-time event.

The "oddities" Windatt speaks of involve zombie-costume-wearing patrons, the screening of obscure horror films, numerous question-and-answer periods with cult film directors and an alt-porn star, as well as a short horror-film awards presentation.

By and large, the event is a celebration of what has been swept under the rug by the mainstream, Windatt said.

Shock Stock, which prides itself on its homage to all that is alternative, will also include a VHS-tape exchange. And while the seemingly ancient technology does not appear to be all that relevant in 2012, it still holds a special place in the subculture.

"The fact that VHS is a doing thing is part of the reason why we're including it," Windatt said. "It's become a bit of a vintage collector item, and it also makes the event more interactive."

Special guests scheduled to make appearances over the weekend include composer Claudio Simonetti, actor Bobby Rhodes, alt-porn star Joanna Angel and actress Geretta Geretta.

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Joanna Angel.
ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

The details

- **What:** Horror-film convention
- **When:** Friday: 4-10 p.m.; Saturday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Where:** Centennial Hall (550 Wellington St.)

Theft. London Children's Museum disappointed after projector stolen

The executive director at the London Children's Museum is beyond disappointed after learning someone stole a projector from one of its exhibits earlier this week.

The item is worth several hundred dollars, which to a non-profit organization like the museum is a lot of money.

"It really, just mostly, is disappointing to me that someone would choose to steal something like that from the children's museum," said executive director Joy Birch.

The museum is now looking for a replacement online and Birch says if anyone in the community would like to donate a projector, they would be grateful. AM980/AM980.CA

Help wanted

- Anyone interested in helping the museum out can contact Joy Birch by phone at 519-434-5726, by email at joy@londonchildrensmuseum.ca or by Twitter @children_museum.

Tuesday accident

Police ID two killed in London crash

London police have identified two people killed in a crash this week.

Police say Bradley Haggith, 47, was driving east on Oxford Street near Woodhull Drive when the car crossed the centre line Tuesday night, striking a westbound car driven by Dana Winterburn, 49. Their deaths are the city's fifth and sixth traffic fatalities this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2011 increase

Salary of Caterpillar Inc.'s CEO rose 42%

Months after trying to force Electro-Motive workers in London to accept 50 per cent wage cuts, newly released figures show the parent company's CEO saw his salary increase by 42 per cent. Caterpillar Inc. disclosed the details of Doug Oberhelman's $14.8-million compensation in documents it filed on Wednesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission. AM980/AM980.CA

London forward Chris Tierney, who makes up one-third of the Knights' most consistent line thus far through the OHL playoffs, flips a puck around during practice Thursday afternoon at the John Labatt Centre. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Knights letting play do talking

Game 4 victory. With their second-round series versus the Saginaw Spirit now tied 2-2, the Knights look to gain the upper hand Friday when the teams meet at the JLC

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The London Knights may be a young squad, but they also happen to boast a credible group of veterans who know a thing or two about keeping an even keel.

Following a Game 3 defeat in which the Saginaw Spirit managed to silence a London crowd of about 8,000, reporters summoned the bulk of the home team's leadership group. Forward Jared Knight, and defencemen Jarred Tinordi and Scott Harrington — all of whom are 19 or older, wear letters on their jerseys and have NHL contracts — spit out similar answers in separate interviews.

They insisted the team needs to put more bodies in front of Saginaw goaltender Jake Paterson, exert a greater sense of "urgency" in the final two periods and, as a whole, get back to basic hockey.

They fielded questions politely, but didn't exactly ramble on.

"I don't think a whole lot needed to be said," assistant captain Harrington admitted after a light practice at the John Labatt Centre on Thursday afternoon. "We knew what we had to do, and we came out flying the next game and played the full 60 minutes."

Scott Harrington
ONTARIOHOCKEYLEAGUE.COM

In Michigan on Wednesday, the Knights were a different team. They chased 17-year-old Paterson out of the net by capitalizing on four of their first seven shots.

The 5-2 victory saw 13 of London's 18 skaters register at least a point, with the Josh Anderson-Chris Tierney-Bo Horvat line igniting the well-balanced attack.

The rookie-sophomore-rookie group has been intact the longest as a three-player unit.

"I thought we had pretty good chemistry right off the bat, but since we've been able to stay together it's developed into something even better," Tierney, 17, said.

Calling the trio's cycle game their "go-to" technique, the Keswick native added it's all about catering to each other's strengths.

Harrington said the club hopes to harness momentum gathered by the effective depth line, and take care of business on home ice in Game 5.

"We just need to play our game and we'll be fine."

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Knights by the numbers

As hockey fans know, the playoffs are a different beast than the regular season.

There are a few statistics — though drawn from a small, eight-game sample size — that indicate this is true for the London Knights.

For one, their power-play success rate has improved by nearly 10 per cent. By scoring 11 times in 38 tries, the Knights sit first out of the 16 post-season teams. Over the 68-game regular season, they finished with a 19.6 rate, which tied them for 10th among the OHL's 20 teams.

Although rookie defenceman Olli Maatta has yet to record a power-play point so far, he has collected an impressive nine points — all assists — in eight contests. Six of those helpers have been finished off by either Seth Griffith (four) or Greg McKegg (two). Prior to the post-season, Maatta registered 32 points in 58 games.

Another statistic of note is that the Knights are a perfect 5-0 when crafty winger Andreas Athanasiou plays. In the five matches he missed during the regular season, London went just 3-2. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Crown to appeal Graham James' 2-year sentence

Sex-abuse charges. Victims say sentence must send message to other perpetrators

Victims of Graham James say Manitoba's Justice Department is doing the "right thing" by appealing the two-year sentence handed to the former hockey coach who sexually abused two of his teenage players hundreds of times.

James was sentenced last month for sexually assaulting former NHL star Theo Fleury and his cousin, Todd Holt, when they played for him in the Western Hockey League in the 1980s and '90s. The sentence, handed down by Winnipeg Judge Catherine Carlson, prompted widespread outrage from both James' victims and the public.

Under the sentence, James could apply for parole and be released by the end of the year.

Holt said he had mixed emotions because he thought the James case was closed. But he said, overall, he's happy the sentence is being appealed.

"I think this is a decision made by all of us, every person out there who thought that the two-year sentence was awful," said Holt in an interview. "It was an embarrassment. It was a travesty. If people are trying to correct that, it would be great."

Even if the appeal isn't successful, Holt said it sends an important message to other child molesters and victims.

"This is an eye-opener for a lot of perpetrators out there," he said. "You can't hide. There are penalties nowadays and we're making the changes."

The Crown had asked the trial judge to impose a six-year sentence, while James' lawyer called for a conditional sentence with no jail time.

Although the judge said Holt and Fleury were essentially trapped and subjected to "degrading and humiliating" assaults, she said James expressed remorse, apologized to his victims and has experienced "an extreme degree of humiliation" — factors that warranted a reduction in his sentence.

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Right thing

"It's the right thing to do. We need to start recognizing the severity of these crimes."

Sheldon Kennedy,
former NHL player and sex-abuse victim of Graham James

Graham James arrives at court in Winnipeg in March.
JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Remembering the Titanic in Halifax

Deborah Franklin of Midland, Texas, one of 440 passengers on the cruise ship Azamara Journey, walks through Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax. The cruise ship docked in Halifax Thursday as part of its voyage to the ocean grave of the ill-fated Titanic, to mark the 100th anniversary of the ship's sinking, on April 15, 1912. The cemetery is where 121 victims of the Titanic disaster are buried, many in unmarked graves. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO IN HALIFAX

In Mexican jail. Government no help, says woman's family

Nearly five months after she was placed behind bars in Mexico, the family of Cynthia Vanier says it's hard to stay positive when Canada has done so little to help one of its own citizens.

Vanier, who is from Mount Forest, Ont., is charged in Mexico for allegedly trying to smuggle late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi's son into the country. She was arrested in November and charged in February.

For her husband and her parents, the last five months have been a nightmare.

"We always thought that Canada would stand up for their citizens, particularly when they haven't been proven guilty of anything," Vanier's father John MacDonald told The Canadian Press.

Wants action

"What help the Canadian government has been? None."

John MacDonald,
father of Cynthia Vanier

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird defended the Canadian government's response to the Vanier case during an appearance in Washington on Thursday.

"Ms. Vanier faces serious charges.... Just because you're a Canadian, we can't pick up the phone and call the Mexican government and say: 'Yeah, this is a Canadian, she clearly didn't do it, can you please send her home,'" Baird said.

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North Korea. Rocket launch a failure, say South Korea, U.S.

Defying international concerns, North Korea fired a long-range rocket early Friday, but it appears to have fallen into the sea, splintering moments after takeoff, South Korean and U.S. officials said.

The liftoff took place from the west-coast launch pad in the hamlet of Tongchang-ri, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff in Seoul said, citing South Korean and U.S. intelligence.

The two countries as well as many others had warned against the launch, calling it a provocation and a cover to test missile technology. North Korea had insisted it would not back down, and said the rocket would only carry a satellite, touting it as a major technological achievement to mark the 100th birth anniversary of the country's founder, Kim Il-sung, on Sunday.

Still, if the U.S. report of a failure, backed by Japan and South Korea, is true, it would be a major embarrassment for Pyongyang, which has invited dozens of international journalists to observe the rocket launch and other celebrations.

It has staked its pride on the satellite launch seen as a show of strength amid persistent economic hardship as Kim Il-sung's grandson, Kim Jong-un, solidifies power following the death of his father, longtime leader Kim Jong-il, four months ago.

In Pyongyang, there was no word about a launch.

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1,300 jobs

Cuts a threat to security, says union

The Conservatives' tough-on-crime agenda is weakened by federal budget cuts, the union representing border guards said Thursday.

Union officials say chopping $143 million from the Canada Border Services Agency budget over the next three years will hamper its ability to catch child pornography, drugs and terrorists at the border.

The cuts represent over 1,300 jobs, including intelligence officers and front-line agents, the union said.

"I don't know if you're going to be able to see that, but certainly it's going to be less safe," said union president Jean Pierre Fortin.

A spokeswoman for Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says the government is trying to make the border more efficient.

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Edmonton

Man in hospital after police Taser incident

Edmonton police say a man they had in custody is in hospital after officers zapped him with a Taser electronic stun gun.

Police did not release the extent of the man's injuries, but media reports say the man is in a coma on life support and at one point stopped breathing with no detectable heartbeat.

Police say the man was zapped with a Taser Wednesday during a struggle with officers in a detainee-management unit.

Edmonton homicide detectives are investigating under the supervision of the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team.

Tasers have been linked to the deaths of more than 25 people in Canada, but the U.S. company that makes them says they have never directly been proven to have caused a death in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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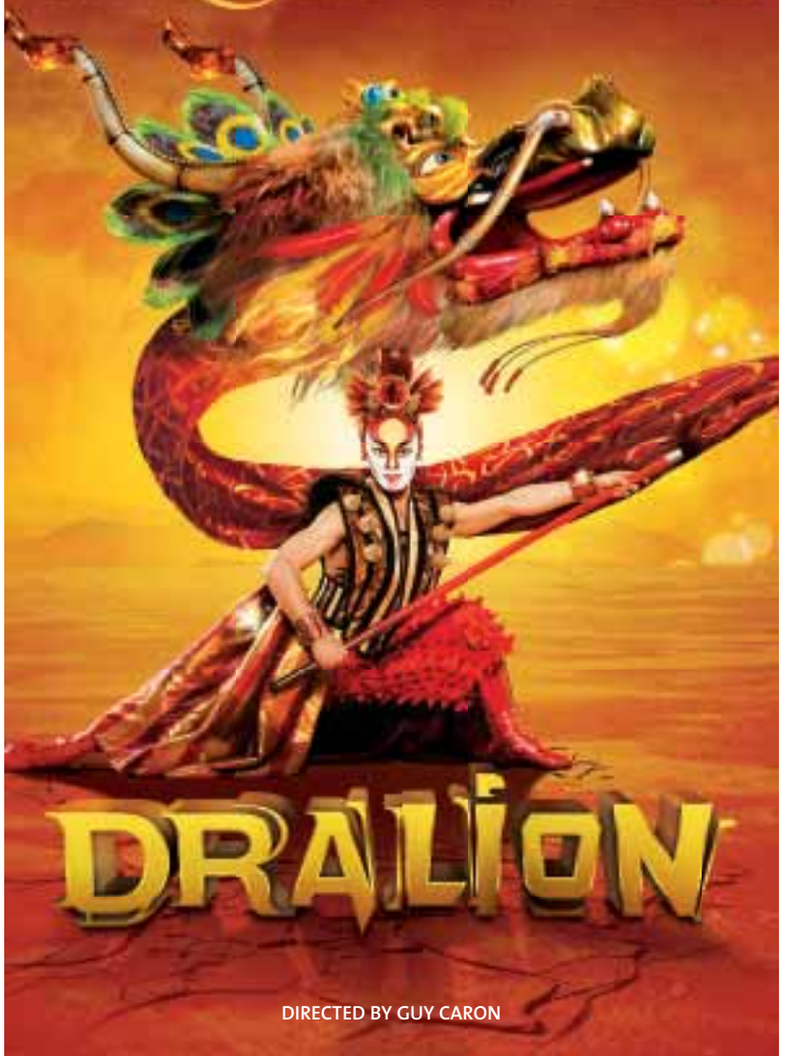

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George Zimmerman, centre, stands with a Seminole County deputy and his attorney, Mark O'Mara, during a court hearing on Thursday in Sanford, Fla. Zimmerman has been charged with second-degree murder in the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. GARY W. GREEN/ ORLANDO SENTINEL, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zimmerman appears in court on murder charge

On trial. Man accused of second-degree murder in fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin

Neighbourhood-watch volunteer George Zimmerman made his first court appearance Thursday on a second-degree murder charge in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

His hair was shaved down to stubble and he had a thin goatee, which appeared consistent with his booking photo from the day before.

He had resurfaced Wednesday to turn himself in after weeks in hiding.

Judge Mark E. Herr said he found probable cause to move ahead with the case and that an arraignment would be held on May 29 before another judge.

The prosecutors must prove Zimmerman's shooting of Martin was rooted in hatred or ill will and counter his claims that he shot Martin to protect himself while patrolling his gated community in the Orlando suburb of Sanford.

Zimmerman's lawyers would only have to prove by a preponderance of evidence — a relatively low legal standard — that he acted in self-defence at a pretrial hearing to prevent the case from going to trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The case

Zimmerman was charged after a public campaign to make an arrest in the Feb. 26 shooting.

- **The charge.** Some legal experts had expected Zimmerman to face a lesser count of manslaughter and say a prosecutor will face steep hurdles to win a murder conviction.
- **Prosecution.** The prosecutor and her team will have to prove that Zimmerman intentionally went after Martin instead of shooting him in self-defence, to refute arguments that a Florida law empowered him to use deadly force.

Virus

U.S. child gets swine flu

U.S. officials are reporting a new case of human infection with a swine-origin H3N2 flu virus.

The case is in a child in Utah who had exposure to pigs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bomb squad

Bomb scare in N.Y.

A toy grenade was to blame for an evacuation Thursday at a building near New York's Ground Zero, authorities said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muzzle. Free-speech group announces award winners

The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression announced Thursday its "Muzzle" awards.

The centre in Charlottesville, Va., bestows the Muzzles annually to mark the April 13 birthday of its namesake, a free-speech advocate and the nation's third president.

Centre director Josh Wheeler says several of the 2012 winners earned their Muzzles for engaging in viewpoint censorship, which the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott and the state's legislature won its Muzzle for adopting a National Rifle Association-backed law that largely prohibits physicians from asking patients about firearms in their homes or discussing gun safety.

The U.S. State Department won a Muzzle for disinviting a Palestinian political cartoonist from a government-sponsored conference that was to highlight, ironically enough, the importance of free speech and freedom of the press.

A full list can be found at the website of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression at tjcenter.org. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rafferty obsessed with Stafford news stories, court told

Testimony. Former companion says he talked about child abductions

In the days following Victoria Stafford's disappearance, the man accused of killing her was "constantly checking the news" about the story, court in London heard Thursday.

Michael Rafferty's trial is hearing from a long string of former girlfriends and female friends, many of whom were seeing him around the time of Tori's April 8, 2009, death.

Sarah Hodge testified that she met Rafferty on the dating website Plenty of Fish and first met him in person on April 14, 2009.

Hodge said Rafferty talked with her about kidnapping children, saying how abducted kids can grow up thinking their abductors are their parents.

Michael Rafferty
DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He was always checking newspaper and TV reports about Tori's disappearance and claimed to have "inside information" on Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, she said.

Hodge said that at the time there was no back seat in Rafferty's car.

The back seat was gone when police arrested Rafferty in May 2009, and various people have testified about seeing it in the car at points throughout the spring of that year.

But it remains unclear whether it was there on April 8, the day Rafferty allegedly kidnapped Tori in his car with Terri-Lynne McClintic.

Court heard Wednesday from an expert witness that traces of blood found in the back of Rafferty's car almost certainly belonged to Tori.

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A journey of a thousand miles

Roland Fox, Terry Fox's father, helps unveil the Terry Fox Mile 0 sculpture in St. John's, N.L., Thursday. The new monument marks the moment Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope. GRAHAM KENNEDY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anniversary getting little attention

The Harper government says it will mark the 30th anniversary of the patriation of the Constitution — by issuing a couple of news releases.

Heritage Minister James Moore says he will commemorate the Constitution's birthday next week by releasing a statement, as will the federal Justice Department.

The Prime Minister's Office says there are no plans to hold a formal event for the anniversary.

The Tories' approach differs greatly from Liberal party plans to mark the occasion with a rally featuring former prime minister Jean Chrétien.

The Constitution was patriated on April 17, 1982, under the watch of then-Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Moore says he believes in the Constitution's Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the idea of having a framework that protects citizens from the state.

He says his upcoming statement will follow a recent House of Commons acknowledgment by Conservative MP Michael Chong of the Constitution's importance.

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Cash crunch. Royal Bank opting to raise some fees

As debt-heavy Canadians become more cautious about borrowing, the banks are looking to higher fees to make up the shortfall.

Royal Bank, Canada's largest bank, is the latest to announce it is raising a number of fees, including the rate it charges for credit-card cash advances.

The new fees, which affect everything from personal banking to business accounts, become effective June 1, RBC said in a brochure mailed to clients.

The move reflects the increased costs of doing business, the bank said.

RBC said its clients can reduce their banking fees by using online banking and ATMs and also by picking the service package that best suits their needs. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

New fees

- RBC's Signature No Limit Banking account fees will rise to $14.95 a month from $13.95.
- Interest rates on credit-card cash advances will rise to 21.99 per cent from 19.99 per cent.
- Seniors will pay a higher annual fee to carry certain kinds of RBC Visa rewards cards. For example, the annual fee for the RBC Rewards Visa Preferred card will rise to $110 from $70.

Market Minute

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OIL $103.64 US (+94¢)

GOLD $1,680.60 US (+$20.30)

Natural gas: $1.983 US (-0.1¢)
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Walmart Canada to take on discount competition

Shelley Broader, president and CEO of Walmart Canada, speaks to media in Toronto on Thursday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shopping wars. Retail giant also planning Canadian store expansion in advance of Target's arrival early next year

More products for $1 are coming to Walmart Canada as the retailer takes on dollar stores, Target and the country's biggest grocers in a strategy to win a larger share of the domestic retail market.

Executives from the company met with analysts and the media in Toronto on Thursday to discuss its answer to the entry of U.S. rival Target and an expansion by Canadian dollar-store operator Dollarama.

The plan includes lowering the prices of more items to about a loonie, said Shelley Broader, the retail giant's Canadian president and CEO.

"That's in direct reaction to what our customers need and want, but it happens to be a nice method of competing against the dollar stores," she said.

Walmart's supercentres aim to do exactly that, offering customers deals on everything from dish towels to dry-cleaning services. The price reductions are part of a strategy of "cementing ourselves in the minds and hearts of Canadians as one-stop shopping," said Broader.

Solidifying that stance is particularly crucial right now because so many other retailers are fighting for the same consumer market.

Dollarama has been encroaching on the discount retailer's low-priced territory in recent months, expanding its products beyond small items worth a loonie. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

One-stop shop

"The idea of getting most of your needs met in one spot becomes incredibly important."
Walmart Canada president Shelley Broader

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Qatar Airways to order Bombardier jets

Qatar Airways is in no rush to add Bombardier's CSeries aircraft to its growing fleet but will order several business jets to expand its executive service, the airline's CEO said Thursday.

Akbar Al Baker said he will announce an order for Bombardier's new Global aircraft at next month's Ebace air show in Geneva, for delivery around 2016 or 2017.

The airline already operates a fleet of six Bombardier business jets. It hopes to eventually offer 10 to 15 aircraft, but Al Baker wouldn't say how many planes would be included in this order.

Qatar has shelved plans to order the CSeries while it is busy preparing to receive four new aircraft types. The company is spending more than $50 billion US for 270 airplanes.

Nonetheless, he remains interested in eventually ordering 20 to 30 of the larger version of the 110- to 149-seat commercial plane.

"The CSeries is a very good airplane for a niche market," he told reporters after a lunch-hour speech. "I'm sure that Bombardier will be very successful in this venture." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Leadership On The Move

Effective April 1, 2012, Chris Harvey's title will be changed to: **Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of London.**

We sincerely thank Chris for his leadership in his current position as Director of Operations and we wish him continued success with his additional responsibilities as ED of this outstanding organization.

Don Donner will now devote 100% of his time and efforts as the CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of London Foundation.

We also thank managers and staff for their positive efforts and ongoing support during this transition in leadership.

David Rusciolelli
Club Board President

Peter McConnell
Foundation Board President

Aircraft

Bombardier wins legal battle

Bombardier has won a legal victory in its battle with an unhappy business-jet customer, with the Supreme Court of Canada refusing to hear an appeal filed by the buyer of a $47-million aircraft.

Canada's highest court said Thursday it has dismissed a request by Eagle Globe Management to overturn a June 2011 ruling by the Quebec Superior Court.

Bombardier sued the U.S.-based company after it refused to take delivery of the completed Global Express XRS aircraft in 2008. Eagle cited about 500 interior deficiencies for its refusal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

ARE YOU KIDNEY-ING ME? HE SOLD WHAT FOR AN IPAD?

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
Metro

Hey, kids! Gather around your infotainment-dispensing device, because it's time for the ever-popular Metro List …

1 **Life after Hogwarts:** Now that she's safely rescued Harry Potter from Lord Voldemort's clutches and earned a billion dollars in the process, former single-mum-on-welfare J.K. Rowling has announced her next novel, called The Casual Vacancy, will be targeted at adults. It's about an election that tears a deceptively peaceful village apart. Kind of like the Triwizard Tournament after the magic has gone.

2 **iDialysis?:** A teenager in China sells one of his kidneys to an unscrupulous organ broker for the equivalent of $3,400 so he can buy an iPad 2. His parents don't even know about it until his mother asks him where he got the iPad and he has to 'fess up. Now he's suffering from complications and the unscrupulous brokers are long gone. He should have held out for an iPad 3, at least.

3 **Where's the Gipper when we need him?:** Rick Santorum finally gave up on his presidential hopes this week, leaving Mitt Romney an open path for the nomination. So after the GOP has desperately tried to nominate anybody but Mitt for the better part of a decade, the next Republican nominee for president of the United States will be: Mitt. Deja voodoo.

4 **NHL playoffs begin:** The L.A. Kings defeat Vancouver in Game 1 and then someone in the Kings organization sends a smoking tweet to the rest of Canada: "You're welcome." Where's the love? I thought we were all Canucks?

5 **Ding-dong:** The gun registry is dead. Yee-haw! We'll be able to buy a weapon of mass destruction without being included in a federal database. Now if we can just get Ottawa to ban the income-tax database, we're talkin' real freedom.

6 **Speaking of Vancouver:** The Real Housewives of Vancouver: 1.2-million people watched the opening episode. Well, no wonder: One of the "housewives" washes her face in whale sperm and diamond dust. Who wouldn't want to watch that?

7 **More evidence the end is near:** Britannica stops publishing the print edition, putting the five remaining door-to-door encyclopedia salesman on Earth out of work. How do I know that? I looked it up on Wikipedia, a usually reliable source.

8 **Silver surfers:** The Beach Boys celebrate their 50th anniversary by singing Surfer Girl at the home opener at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday.

Help Me Rhonda, I've fallen and I can't get up …

The Beach Boys spread Good Vibrations on opening day at Dodger Stadium, where the Los Angeles Dodgers played the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday in Los Angeles. The Beach Boys are celebrating their 50th anniversary.
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Real-life 'Spider-Man'

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Climb

Frenchman scales buildings without rope or harness

Alain Robert, who has been dubbed the "French Spider-Man," climbs 300 metres up the Torch hotel in Doha, Qatar, on Thursday. Robert, who has been scaling tall buildings since the age of seven, took 75 minutes to complete his first climb in Qatar. The hotel was built for the 2006 Asian Games in the shape of an Olympic torch.
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A kid again

"I feel like a child and I finally want to open my present: I want to climb the Torch."

Alain Robert

Alain Robert
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Metropolitan Panel

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Are you looking forward to the Bieber-One Direction collaboration?

75% NO, THIS IS AKIN TO THE APOCALYPSE

25% YES, BOY BAND HEAVEN!

Twitter

@sammymcconkey: #thatmoment when you look at your phone and realize it's almost 11 and you're still on campus studying. Oh exams how I love thee #uwo

@zquack: How stupid must you be to rob a bank just a block away from London Police Headquarters? #ldnont

@WhiteOaksMall: Spring is BASEBALL! Meet the London Majors on Sat, April 14 11am – 1pm #feelLikeShopping #ldnont

@exotictights: Students have Kiwanis today! LTC please don't screw me over today… #transit #ldnont

@tylerhsutton: At the London Energy Forum #ldont such an early morning I have no energy haha

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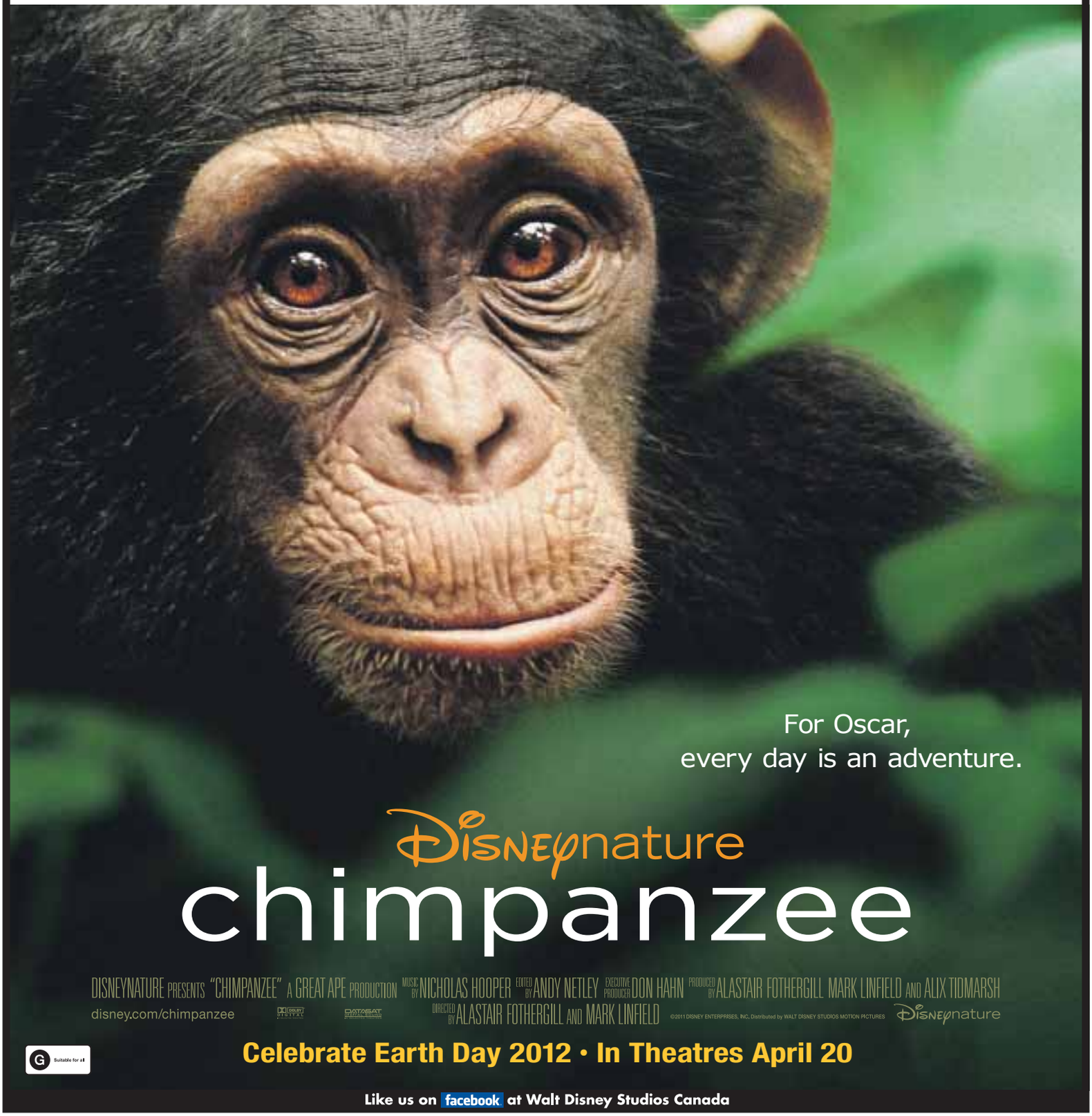
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Lockout isn't winning any critical acclaim from the Reel Guys, but it'll leave you grinning. HANDOUT

Lockout a solid 'B' effort

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Cranked-up camp.
Action flick is a good time if you can look past the silly dialogue, '90s era special effects

Richard: Mark, I had a good time at Lockout even though I'll be the first to admit it isn't a very good movie. The special effects look like rejects from 1997, the tough-guy dialogue sounds like Bruce Willis castoffs and it's not nearly as violent as I would have expected it to be, but I sat there with a grin on my face. How is this possible? Perhaps it reminded me of those cheese-ball direct-to-DVD Dolph Lundgren movies I used to watch when I rented everything at the video store.

Mark: The movie has one great thing going for it: the ace wisecracks delivered by Guy Pearce with impeccable sang-froid. The only problem is that he's so funny it undercuts any of the supposed action sequences. And did you notice the similarities to John Carpenter's Escape From New York? When Maggie Grace cuts her hair and dyes it black she even looked like Adrienne Barbeau!

RC: That is, I think, what I loved about the movie. It seems like a time capsule from another time. It has its flaws — like being set in 2079 and yet making contemporary references like Prince, John Wayne and global warming — but the old schoolness of it is appealing. It's not a remake, or a reboot but it feels familiar nonetheless.

MB: I thought it was wonderfully lazy filmmaking that in the future the iPhone was exactly the same, as were the guns and clothing. It's a B movie to be sure. But it has its pleasures. I enjoyed the over-the-top performance of no-name actor Joseph Gilgun as an unhinged convict. It's the part Giovanni Ribisi was born to play, if the movie had a budget.

RC: Exactly! I thought he was an excellent bad guy except I felt like I needed a translator to explain his HEAVY brogue to me. I certainly caught the gist of what he was saying but often the actual words were lost on me. Perhaps mumbled, accented dialogue is the new cool thing. Apparently Bane in The Dark Knight Rises is impossible to understand as well, but I like a bit more clarity from my bad guys.

MB: Richard, maybe incomprehensibility is the new scary. All those werewolves and zombies have set the bar pretty high for inarticulate rage. After all, you can't reason with someone you can't understand.

Synopsis

Guy Pearce is Snow, a highly skilled mercenary wrongly accused of espionage. To earn his freedom he agrees to rescue the president's daughter, Emilie Warnock (Maggie Grace), who is being held captive by rioting inmates at an outer space maximum-security prison. That's right, the prison is in OUTER SPACE!

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

J.K. Rowling set to release book for adults

She may not be able to match the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter series, but J.K. Rowling has high hopes for The Casual Vacancy, her first novel for adults. The title was announced Thursday by Little, Brown & Co. along with a brief plot synopsis for the book. The publisher said it will be available worldwide on Sept. 27. This will mark Rowling's first post-Potter effort. The new book, aimed at a grown-up audience, will be set in a seemingly idyllic English town called Pagford.
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On the web

Acclaimed writer William Boyd seeks to return to 'classic Bond' for next 007 novel

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Horror

Cabin in the Woods

Director. Drew Goddard

Stars. Richard Jenkins, Chris Hemsworth

Cabin in the Woods probably isn't the movie you think it is. The audacious high-concept thriller marks the directorial debut of Cloverfield writer Drew Goddard who takes the horror stereotype and brilliantly flips it. Though the premise of co-eds heading out to the woods and inadvertently uncovering zombies seems familiar, it's only a ploy. To reveal more would spoil the surprise. Instead, just enjoy the madness of this masterpiece.

STEVE GOW

Comedy

The Three Stooges

Directors. Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly

Stars. Chris Diamantopoulos, Sean Hayes

If there's one film with a built-in audience, it's The Three Stooges. They're so cherished by the Farrelly Brothers, the filmmaking siblings crafted a straight-up reimagining of the legendary comic trio. While the performances are bang-on, the three-episode arc and story is so slight, it can hardly be considered a plot. Still, if three knuckleheads poking each other in the eyes to cartoonish sound-effects cracks you up, this is cinematic gold.

STEVE GOW

Cabaret. Stars celebrate the restoration of a beloved cinema classic

It took a stray bit of dirt to scratch the perfection of Cabaret, and painstaking effort to return it to cinematic glory.

The restored Cabaret, minus damage that had prevented a high-definition version, earned the opening spot at the four-day TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood. Stars Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey were scheduled to attend Thursday's ceremony marking the musical's 40th anniversary. Minnelli, whose turn as cabaret singer Sally Bowles captured a best actress Academy Award and cemented her young stardom, said making Cabaret was a joyful "secret," filmed in Munich and far away from meddling Los Angeles studio bosses.

Director Bob Fosse "got away with murder. We all did," Minnelli said in a recent phone call from New York. She's on a concert tour, Confessions, based on her album of the same title. "We'd take chances, and the studio would send notes like, 'Too cloudy. It will break up on drive-in (screens),"' she recalled. "Fosse would read that out loud, tear it up and throw it over his shoulder — in front of the whole cast and crew."

Liza Minnelli won a best actress Academy Award for Cabaret. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Set in 1930s Berlin, with German life darkening under the Nazi Party's rise, the film was based on the 1966 Broadway musical adapted from Christopher Isherwood's short novels. Michael York starred as Sally's boyfriend and Helmut Griem played the wealthy lover shared by both in a then-rare movie depiction of bisexuality. Fosse's distinctive, archly suggestive choreography defined the film's candour and cynicism.

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Quoted

"We're not trying to be cagey... We're just trying to protect the experience because so much of Cabin is about the experience that happens when you're in the audience with all of these people feeling the screams and the cheers and the laughs and feeling the ride."

Writer-director Drew Goddard on not giving away too much about his new film, Cabin in the Woods.

Chimpanzee follows the tale of little Oscar as he learns to survive without his mother. HANDOUT

Chimpan-see, chimpan-do

Chimpanzee. Jane Goodall hopes new film will spark children's interest in animals and nature

LIZ BROWN
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Being in the presence of Jane Goodall, it's easy to become inspired to embark on some kind of save-the-world project.

After all, Goodall — a woman who set out to study animals in Africa in 1960, when she was just 26 years old — has turned a childhood obsession with animals into a world-renowned career studying chimpanzees, and a global conservation institute bearing her name.

"When I was a little girl of 10 … I fell in love with Tarzan and was furiously jealous when he married that other Jane," she jokes while in Toronto, helping Disney promote its film Chimpanzee, which opens next Friday. Chimpanzee follows the true story of an orphaned chimp named Oscar.

While Goodall was not directly involved with the production of the film, she knew the crew. "I think the amazing thing about this film is that we know Disney, we know Bambi, and this film itself ... might have been scripted by somebody doing a chimpanzee Bambi."

But the storyline was anything but scripted. In fact, the initial plan was to follow the life of a chimp — who the crew named Oscar — and observe him develop in his community. When Oscar's mother suddenly died, the crew panicked. "They thought the whole film was destroyed … [that they had] wasted six months filming a chimp who's [all but] dead," said Goodall.

Lucky for Oscar (and the film crew), the top-ranking male in the group of chimps was a bit of a softie under his gruff exterior and took the young chimp under his care. "I cannot believe how this all unravelled" says Goodall.

Today, between being a UN messenger of peace and educating the world about the plight of chimpanzees, Goodall, 78, spends 300 days of the year on the road, raising awareness about conservation issues.

Goodall has also helped develop a program called Roots & Shoots that now has thousands of young members in over 130 countries. Through this program, young people are encouraged to take on grassroots conservation projects. "Children are getting more and more divorced from nature," says Goodall. "How can you protect something if you don't understand?"

Goodall says that films like Chimpanzee are a first step in educating children about nature.

"Films like this help kids understand that there are creatures out there who are so like us and hopefully children will come away thinking about that and thinking about little Oscar as though he's a cousin."

Anthropomorphism

Human-like?

Anthropomorphism is giving human characteristics to animals, something that Goodall has been criticized for in her chimpanzee study. "What really peeved me was that scientists were ready to take a chimpanzee because biologically they're so like us, sharing 99 per cent of our DNA and … subject them to all kinds of nasty medical procedures ...," she says.

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Jason Biggs and the original cast of American Pie return for American Reunion. HANDOUT

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Krysten Ritter is The B— in Apartment 23

Mean girl. Ever wondered what it would be like to live with the love child of Sid Vicious and Lucille Ball? Now you can find out

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Though harsh to refer to your main character as a b–, there really is no other way to describe opportunist Chloe (Krysten Ritter) in the new ABC sitcom Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23.

Chloe herself boasts of having the "morals of a pirate."

"If Holly Golightly and Satan had a child, it would be my character," says Ritter.

And James Van Der Beek, who plays Chloe's best friend has a slightly different view: "[She's] the love child of Lucille Ball and Sid Vicious."

No matter her mythical parentage, Chloe tiptoes the line between bad and just plain awful — in the pilot, she robs her sweet, new-to-New-York roommate, June (Dreama Walker) — which means the balance between audiences loving or loathing Ms. B is even more precarious.

But Ritter rationalizes that Chloe's actions, despite how outlandish they seem, aren't always selfish. "As long as I approach my character in making positive choices, that the end result seems to be somewhat heartfelt, you can get away with it," she says.

After all, even seemingly naive June is able to crack Chloe's tough girl persona and ultimately become a member of her oddball entourage.

"June definitely ... outsmarts Chloe a little bit," Walker says. "That's part of our dynamic and part of what makes her respect me and like me in the end."

So is the B-word a severe moniker after all? Ritter doesn't think so. "I'm an evil b—," she says.

Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23 airs Wednesday nights on Citytv.

Krysten Ritter HANDOUT

'Pushing the envelope'

B doesn't just stand for broadcasting at ABC.

- **Explanation.** The network uses the letter as an abbreviation for "bitch" in the title of its new Wednesday night sitcom Don't Trust the B—in Apt. 23.
- **Trying to be provocative.** Branding expert Dorie Clark says the B's aren't meant to be sexist or denigrating, but to get people talking and, ultimately to get higher ratings.
- **Clark's take.** Producers and executives protect themselves by not spelling out the B-word: "They're trying to be provocative to push the envelope and still manage to make it acceptable when it comes time to be listed in TV Guide."

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The fight for the Iron Throne continues

Games of Thrones. Hit fantasy show renewed for another season. Now the question remains: who will rule Westeros?

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Lena Headey plays Cersei Lannister on Game of Thrones CONTRIBUTED

HBO announced the pickup of its hit fantasy drama Game of Thrones, chronicling the struggle of several families to rule the fictional continent of Westeros, on Tuesday. The renewal comes in the wake of the series' record ratings when Season 2 premiered earlier this month.

"Series creators David Benioff and D.B. Weiss raised our expectations for the second season — and then surpassed them," Michael Lombardo, president, HBO Programming, said in a statement.

"We are thrilled by all the viewer and media support we've received for the series, and can't wait to see what Dan and David have in store for next season."

The drama, based on George R.R. Martin's Song of Ice and Fire series of fantasy novels, has so far followed the one-book-per-season format — Season 1 brought to life the series' first book, A Game of Thrones, while Season 2, currently airing Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO, tells the story of A Clash of Kings.

Season 3 is expected to follow the story of the third book, A Storm of Swords. But according to Entertainment Weekly, producers Benioff and Weiss would prefer to slow things down. "As George and all his fans have said for a long time, there's no way to do [Swords] in a single season, so it's being broken into two," Benioff said in a recent interview with EW.

"We're still kind of figuring out exactly what goes where. We don't want it to feel like a two-part season," Beinoff said. "From the beginning we'd always prayed we'd get to Season 3 at least because, you know, two of our favourite scenes from the entire saga are in Season 3."

Breaking up Season 3 would also give Martin more time to finish the series' source material. The Song of Ice and Fire series is meant to include seven novels. The fifth installment, A Dance with Dragons, was published in 2011; Martin is still in the process of writing the sixth book, The Winds of Winter.

Welcome Guns N' Roses back to jungle?

International music. Classic rock band set to be inducted into Hall of Fame as lead member pans the invite entirely

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Guns N' Roses will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday. NOUSHA SALIMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guns N' Roses is known for its inter-band civil wars as much as the classic music its members made together.

It has counted as many as 21 people as official players through the 27-year history of the group, but many rock fans are penning open letters across the web for a reunion of the band whose members were once so well known as individuals that they had their own mass-produced pinball machine.

They are also well known for their cynical approach to press — so when Metro caught up with keyboardist Dizzy Reed, who joined the band in the early '90s, shortly before the Use Your Illusion albums, he played it predictably close to the vest when asked about the upcoming proceedings.

So what do you know about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? Um, it's in Cleveland.

Do you know what's going to happen with the induction into the Hall? There are rumours there will be a reunion of the original lineup.
I haven't gotten any details. I spoke with the people of that institution. They gave me a call and told me to mark it on the calendar, to be there. As far as the details of what's going to happen, I haven't received any sort of itinerary or schedule. It's something I'm just trying not to think about until it gets closer. It's not that I don't appreciate it. It's a great thing, and it's great for all the people who supported the band over the years.

I understand that you're still friends with everybody who has been in the band through the years, is that right?
Friendly, I'd say. I haven't talked to a couple of the guys at all since they left. But Duff [McKagan, original bassist] got up and jammed with us in Seattle and Vancouver last year.

And you've been immortalized, by making it onto the Guns N' Roses pinball machine as well ...
Yes I did. I'm on the pinball machine, and I can't remember what it was that triggers it, but you can get the Dizzy ball, and it starts going crazy and you can score a whole bunch of points.

I think it was patterned after me after too many vodkas or something.

No awards please

Thanks but no thanks

- **Letter.** In a 1,000-plus word open letter to the Los Angeles Times, Guns N' Roses singer Axl Rose has said he will not be attending Saturday's event, nor does he even want to be inducted. Visit metronews.ca/scene to read the letter. You can also read an excerpt from the letter on the Dish page.

Induction ceremony. Hall of Fame set to give it away now to Chili Peppers

Anthony Kiedis had a dream the other night. The 49-year-old frontman of the Red Hot Chili Peppers imagined that he was playing at this year's Rock and Rock Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and the band's on-again, off-again guitarist John Frusciante was sitting in the front row. Kiedis is quick to note that this vision won't become a reality when the 29-year-old group is actually inducted Saturday.

"No," Kiedis said in a hushed tone during a break from rehearsing at SIR Studios last month. "That was just a dream."

"I can't speak for [Frusciante], but I think it's kinda like an ex-girlfriend vibe," added 49-year-old bassist Flea.

The current line-up of Flea, Kiedis, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist Josh Klinghoffer will be honoured along with past bandmates like late founding member Hillel Slovak, the original Chili Peppers guitarist who died of a drug overdose in 1988, and Frusciante, who replaced Slovak and recorded five albums during his fluid tenure with the group.

"We wouldn't be here without [Slovak] because we wouldn't have started without him," said Flea. "For him to be honoured and recognized is a beautiful thing for us, not that we don't honour and love him every day, but I feel great for him to go in, as well as John Frusciante, of course, who gave us so much and did some serious (expletive) rocking."

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Members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, clockwise from top, bassist Flea, singer Anthony Kiedis, guitarist Josh Klinghoffer and drummer Chad Smith pose for a portrait in Hollywood, California.
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Did Gibson put a hit out on ex-girlfriend?

Mel Gibson still has a lot of anger toward ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva — and has threatened to have her killed, according to a nine-page letter from screenwriter Joe Eszterhas to Gibson that was leaked to the Wrap.

"'I want that c---- gone!' you screamed," Eszterhas recounts in the letter.

"'I'm going to get rid of her. No one will ever know! I'm not going to live this way the rest of my life! She's poisoning (my daughter) against me! She is evil! They worship the devil where she came from. She's going to disappear! Gone!'" Eszterhas also contends in the letter that the project they were collaborating on, The Maccabees, was scrapped because of Gibson's anti-Semitism.

"I've come to the conclusion that the reason you won't make The Maccabees is the ugliest possible one. You hate Jews," he writes. Gibson has responded with his own letter to Eszterhas, leaked to Deadline: "I will acknowledge like most creative people I am passionate and intense," Gibson writes, but counters that "the decision not to proceed with you was based on the quality of your script, not on any other factor."

Marc Anthony

Anthony files for divorce

After separating from wife Jennifer Lopez last July, Marc Anthony has finally made it official by filing for divorce, citing "irreconcilable differences," according to Hollyscoop.

Anthony is reportedly seeking joint legal and physical custody of their four-year-old twins, Max and Emma, and Anthony does not want to provide Lopez with any spousal support. The filing reportedly mandates that both parties pay their own legal fees as well.

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The Word

Not quite a bed of Roses

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Following speculation that there would be a reunion of the original lineup of Guns N' Roses at the band's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday, Axl Rose fired off an open letter to the Los Angeles Times, saying in no uncertain terms that not only was a reunion out of the question, but he doesn't even want to be inducted.

"I respectfully decline my induction as a member of Guns N' Roses to the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame," he wrote in the 1,000-plus word letter. He then went on to "strongly request" that he not be inducted in absentia.

"Please know that no one is authorized nor may anyone be permitted to accept any induction for me or speak on my behalf."

OK, that certainly sounds like he's taking his ball and going home, doesn't it?

"No one's taking the ball and going home. Don't get it twisted," he wrote.

Oops, I guess we jumped the Gun there.

Rose's letter goes on to rant about the greed of the music industry, the irresponsibility of the media (hey, we retracted our ball-and-going-home allegation) and sincerely thanks the Hall of Fame and fans.

What it boils down to, "This decision is personal," he said,

It's only hard to begrudge Rose's decision because that original lineup not only sounded great, but there really hasn't been a cooler-looking group of dudes playing hard rock since the original lineup.

OK, maybe Velvet Revolver looked as cool, because Slash played in that band too, but they had no Paradise City.

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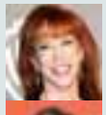

@kathygriffin
good God It's great that these celebs r so committed to doing DWTS, but going to the hospital? WTF? How bout just a nice hokey pokey, people?

@ActuallyNPH
I adore Amy Sedaris. Just watched her as the Tooth Fairy on Yo Gabba Gabba. She's maybe the coolest chick around. That's all.

@russellcrowe
200 m in the pool, not much, between singing lessons, the boys and the rain it was all I could do

@DannyDeVito
Quick showers shut lights off when you leave filter your tap water plastic bottles yuck Good morning healthy planet! Party Fri & Sat NODUIS!

Britney Spears

Spears on X-Factor: Report

Britney Spears is reportedly close to a deal to join the U.S. version of The X Factor as a judge, according to Entertainment Weekly.

Though the singer is said to have passed on a previous $10 million offer, negotiations have reportedly brought the price up to $15 million.

Spears would join the televised singing competition in the fall, settling in next to fellow judges L.A. Reid and Simon Cowell, who is also an executive producer.

A mother's love

Salma Hayek admits she was considering an end to her acting career after the birth of her daughter.

"At the time, I was thinking, I can do another movie that may or may not work, or I can be with my child, nourish her, and not miss a moment of this precious time," Hayek tells Marie Claire.

"And if my career is going to end in two years, what's the difference, anyway?"

This recipe makes one loaf, about 16 slices. ISTOCK

Go b-a-n-a-n-a-s over this vanilla-flavoured loaf

Banana Loaf. The hint of vanilla will keep you coming back for more

DINNER EXPRESS
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Banana loaf is perfect for an afternoon snack or part of your morning breakfast.

Warm it in the microwave for a fresh out of the oven taste then use it the next day for a very tasty french toast!

1. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Then set these ingredients aside.

2. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Stir in mashed bananas and sour cream. Add flour mixture to banana mixture and stir to moisten. Add walnuts if using and stir to combine.

3. Scrape into 8 x 4 inch (1.5 L) loaf pan and bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 1 hour or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean.

4. Let cool in pan on rack. Remove from pan and let cool completely on rack.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 2 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) sour cream
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) toasted chopped walnuts (optional)

Banana Bread French Toast & Raspberry Maple Syrup

1. Raspberry Maple Sauce: In saucepan, bring raspberries and maple syrup to a gentle boil over medium high heat, stirring often.

2. In bowl, whisk the cornstarch with 1 tsp (5 mL) of water. Stir into raspberry mix and return to boil. Boil for 1 minute or until thickened. Remove from heat and keep warm.

3. In shallow dish, whisk eggs, milk and cinnamon. Dip banana bread slices into mixture to coat evenly. Place on lightly greased nonstick skillet or griddle over medium high heat and cook for about 3 minutes or until golden and turn over. Cook for about 4 minutes or until golden. Repeat with remaining banana bread and egg mixture.

4. Serve banana bread french toast with Raspberry Maple Sauce and dust with icing sugar. EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) milk
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cinnamon
- 6 slices banana bread (about 1/2 inch (1 cm) thick), see recipe above
- Icing sugar

Raspberry Maple Sauce:
- 2 cups (500 mL) frozen raspberries
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) pure maple syrup
- 1 tsp (5 mL) cornstarch

Liquid Assets

Hitting hot spots in the wine world

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Even though I've been to amazing places around the wine world, I'm still surprised at the number of obvious hot spots I've never seen in real life.

While travelling in Northern Italy this week, I finally found myself in Piedmont — home of high fashion, truffles and wines made with the nebbiolo grape. Sadly, nebbiolo rarely comes cheap with its two most famous offspring — the vino from Barolo and Barbaresco — commanding prices that start somewhere around $40 a bottle.

That isn't to say you can't drink Piedmont on a budget. Though growing in nebbiolo's shadow, barbera is the third most cultivated grape in Italy. Barbera typically produces balanced, fruit-driven wines with vineyards in the Piedmontese sub-regions of Asti and Alba, its preferred geography.

Though Asti is the same place the famous sweet sparkling wine comes from, Bersano's 2009 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti ($11.95 - $14.99) is a full-bodied, yet seductive red that, while nowhere near the weight of a Barolo, still commands a dark fruited presence in the glass.

I love this style of wine with earthier pasta sauces.

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Superfood

Bananas to stay strong

Bananas are a great source of energy and their high potassium content helps to maintain regular blood pressure and heart function as well as bone strength.

They also contain the amino acid tryptophan, essential in helping the body produce serotonin.

Known as the brain's very own sedative, serotonin has a calming effect on the brain and consequently helps to regulate mood.

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On the web

Home apple growers consider going organic

Note from Dr. Suess' book: Green Eggs & Ham

Have some fun in the kitchen while creating this play on the classic Dr. Seuss story Green Eggs & Ham.

This dish would be perfect for a breakfast for kids of all ages.

1. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta until tender but firm, about 8 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water; set aside.

2. Remove florets from broccoli and set aside. Using a knife, remove any hard knobs from broccoli stems. Chop stems to produce 250 ml (1 cup) of stem bits.

3. In boiling salted water, cook stem bits for 4 minutes; add broccoli florets and continue cooking for 3 minutes longer. Drain all broccoli and rinse with cold water. Scatter pasta, broccoli, eggs, ham and green onions evenly into six 500-ml (2-cup) gratin dishes.

4. Cheese Sauce: In a saucepan, heat butter over medium-low heat; add flour and cook, stirring, to make a roux (or paste), about 2 minutes.

5. Whisk in milk and cook, whisking continually, until thickened, about 6 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese, mustard powder, salt and pepper. Continue whisking until cheese is melted, about 4 minutes.

6. Pour cheese sauce over mixture in gratin dishes. Sprinkle remaining cheddar cheese and parsley, if using, over gratin dishes. Place dishes on large rimmed baking sheet and bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven until heated through and cheese is melted, about 20 minutes.

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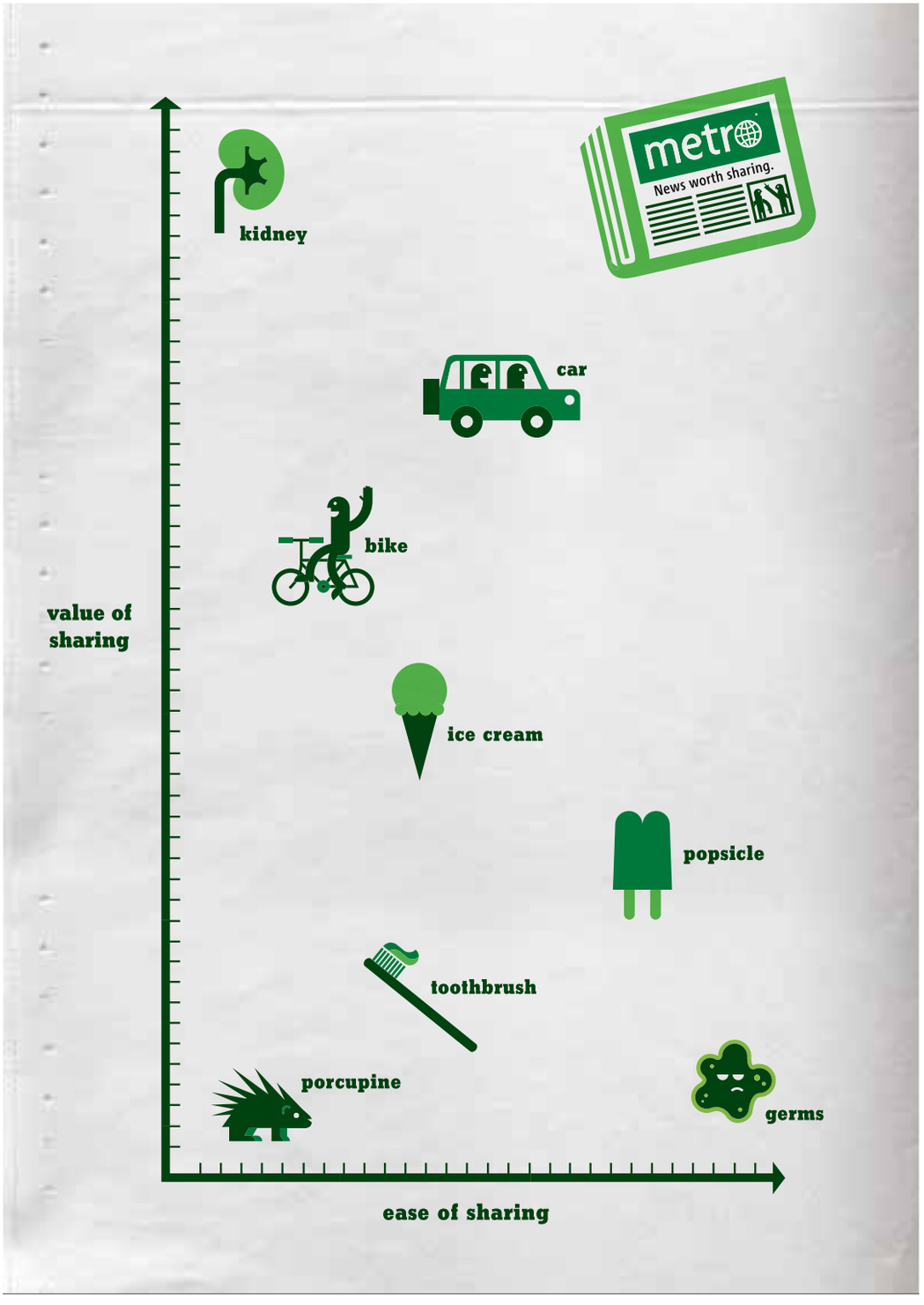
This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Ingredients

Casserole
- 250 g (8 oz) dried pasta (about 500 ml/2 cups) rigatoni, fusilli or penne
- 1 head broccoli
- 6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and halved
- 250 ml (1 cup) cubed Black Forest ham (about 250 g/8 oz)
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced (white and light green parts)

Cheese Sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) milk
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded old cheddar cheese
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dried mustard powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper

Topping
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shredded old cheddar cheese
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced fresh parsley (optional)



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NHL

Brent Sutter out as Flames coach

The Calgary Flames are looking for a new coach.

Brent Sutter agreed to part ways with the NHL team after three seasons, according to a release from the Flames on Thursday.

The decision came after a meeting between Sutter and general manager Jay Feaster. Sutter's contract was due to expire at the end of June.

The Flames narrowly missed the playoffs in all three seasons under Sutter, compiling a 118-90-38 record overall.

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Brent Sutter RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Kings apologize, Canucks shrug off snarky tweet

The Los Angeles Kings say they're sorry, but the Vancouver Canucks contend they could not care less about a controversial tweet.

One day after opening a series against Vancouver with a 4-2 win, the NHL team found itself backtracking from a playful jab made on Twitter. In the wake of the victory, the team's official account posted a message saying: "To everyone in Canada outside of B.C., you're welcome."

That didn't sit well with senior members of the organization, especially after all of the attention it generated.

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Danny Briere scores past Marc-Andre Fleury in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Wednesday in Pittsburgh. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

League not happy with missed call

NHL. Linesman erred in not whistling play dead prior to Flyers' first goal in game Philadelphia won 4-3

Colin Campbell feels the pain of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The NHL's senior executive vice-president of hockey operations acknowledged Thursday that linesman Tony Sericolo erred in not whistling the play dead prior to Danny Briere's first goal in the opening game of the Penguins-Flyers series.

"There's no other way to explain it but a missed call," Campbell told The Canadian Press in an interview. "We're as upset as Pittsburgh, almost. It's a mistake."

Briere scored Philadelphia's first goal on Wednesday night after being sent in on a breakaway by teammate Brayden Schenn. The long pass came immediately after a neutral-zone turnover and replays showed that Briere was a couple feet offside.

The play started a big comeback for the Flyers, who erased a three-goal deficit and beat Pittsburgh 4-3 in overtime. However, the Penguins didn't use it as an excuse for their collapse.

"That's not why we lost the game," coach Dan Bylsma said after the game.

Campbell believes that Sericolo was in position to make the right call but failed to do so because of how quickly the play went from one end of the ice to the other. It appeared as though the linesman considered blowing the play dead just before indicating it was onside.

"It was a quick turnaround," said Campbell. "You can see it was a quick 70-foot pass — the linesman was up with the play and then had to move quickly back and he saw it from the angle he saw it from.

"But still his job is to get the right call and he didn't."

The blown call could affect how director of officiating Terry Gregson makes staffing decisions moving forward, according to Campbell.

"There's always fallout," he said. "The referees and the linesmen are judged on the work they do as far as how they advance in doing games. If mistakes are made, no matter how difficult they are, there's got to be decisions made on who advances."

A message for Gregson wasn't immediately returned.

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Veteran linesman

- Sericolo is a veteran linesman with more than 800 games of NHL experience dating back to October 1998.
- He was among 40 officials — 20 referees and 20 linesmen — selected to be part of the pool for playoff assignments.

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"Just gonna watch The Jay's games on TV from here on in. Tough crowd! Felt like I was back in Ottawa. #BOOOOPUL."

Joffrey Lupul via Twitter on Thursday after being booed at the Toronto Blue Jays game at Rogers Centre the day before.
Lupul had a career year with the Leafs, scoring 67 points in 66 games before missing the final few weeks of the season with a shoulder injury. But Leafs Nation — a fair number of whom are also Blue Jays fans — has been particularly hostile lately with the Leafs missing the playoffs for the seventh season in row. Lupul was also lustily booed throughout February's all-star weekend in Ottawa.

On the web

Kurt Angle, who won wrestling gold in Atlanta in 1996 before becoming famous in WWE, was forced to end his improbable attempt to make the U.S. team for the London Olympics due to a string of injuries. Scan the code for the story.

Babcock moves past Weber ruling

Predators captain Shea Weber, left, takes a jab from Red Wings forward Johan Franzen on Wednesday night in Nashville. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Detroit coach runs off ill feelings on Nashville captain's hit with discipline key for Red Wings, Predators

Detroit coach Mike Babcock says he worked out any ill feelings over Nashville defenceman Shea Weber being fined for slamming Henrik Zetterberg's head into the glass at the end of Game 1.

The coach did it by going for a hard run Thursday.

"I've moved on," Babcock said.

Babcock has enough to worry about after losing Darren Helm for the playoffs with a sliced forearm and trying to avoid an 0-2 hole in the first round against Nashville.

A hard-fought series was expected between these Central Division teams separated by only two points over the 82-game regular season, and the Predators stoked the rivalry Wednesday with a 3-2 win marked by 17 combined penalties between the NHL's least-penalized teams.

Nashville averaged an NHL-least 8.4 penalty minutes in the regular season, closely followed by Detroit with 8.5. So what if commissioner Gary Bettman was on hand Wednesday night for the closely officiated game? Neither Babcock nor Nashville coach Barry Trotz want to see a repeated traipsing to the penalty box Friday night in Game 2.

"We're not taking penalties tomorrow," Babcock said.

Trotz said his Predators have to harness their emotions and stay focused.

"We had a couple guys had out-of-body experience more than anything," Trotz said. "We'll get back to that."

The penalty that attracted the most attention, and a $2,500 US fine by the NHL on Thursday, came at the end when Weber retaliated after Zetterberg crashed into him from behind, trying to get the puck out in a frantic attempt to force overtime. Weber talked to NHL chief disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan and got a reminder not to cross the line.

Zetterberg passed a baseline test and skated Thursday. But the Red Wings left-wing called the hit dirty, and his teammates weren't happy Weber wasn't suspended.

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Quoted

"We don't have the personnel to get back at Weber so we might as well get on with that ..."

Mike Babcock, Red Wings head coach.

NHL will watch Weber

In handing Predators captain Shea Weber the $2,500 fine, NHL disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan said it will affect how he handles "any incidents involving Shea Weber throughout the remainder of the playoffs."

- As time expired in Nashville's victory Wednesday night, the Predators defenceman responded to a hit from Zetterberg by throwing a punch at his opponent before grabbing him by the head and driving him into the end boards.

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NHL. Panthers finally get rematch with Brodeur

When the Florida Panthers last skated on post-season ice, they were swept away by Martin Brodeur.

A dozen years, eight coaches and a couple hundred players later, the Panthers are finally back in the Stanley Cup playoffs. And even though the Florida franchise's fortunes seem to finally be changing, maybe it's fitting that Brodeur — the NHL's winningest active playoff goalie by far — will again be the guy at the other end of the rink.

New Jersey and Florida play Game 1 of their Eastern Conference first-round series on Friday night. There's a slew of subplots adding intrigue to this series, but the reality is that if the Panthers are going to advance, they'll have to do what they couldn't in 2000 — find a way to beat a goalie who has hoisted the Stanley Cup three times, owns two Olympic gold medals and has just about every record imaginable in his position.

"He's arguably one of the best playoff goalies ever," Panthers centre Stephen Weiss said. "Come playoff time, that's when he's usually at his best. So we'll have to get a lot of people in front of him so he can't see the puck and not try to show him too much respect. We've got to get in his face and make life difficult for him."

But this year, coming off the first division title in team history, not only is Florida in the tournament, but it has home ice for at least the first round. And while this notion of playoff hockey may seem new to Florida fans, there's no shortage of Panthers with big-time playoff experience, a list including Mikael Samuelsson, John Madden, Kris Versteeg, Ed Jovanovski — part of the Panthers' run to the Stanley Cup finals in 1996 — and Brian Campbell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Martin Brodeur
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By the numbers

99

Martin Brodeur has 99 playoff wins in his career. The Panthers, as a franchise, have 13.

MLB

Win for Moyer will have to wait

No win for the ages. Or, for that matter, the aged.

Madison Bumgarner scattered four hits over 7-1/3 innings and took a no-hit bid into the sixth Thursday in the San Francisco Giants' 4-2 win over the Colorado Rockies.

At 49, Jamie Moyer failed in his second attempt to become the oldest pitcher to win a major-league game.

Moyer (0-2) surrendered four runs, two of them earned, and eight hits in 5-1/3 innings. He walked one, struck out three and hit a batter before leaving to a standing ovation in the sixth.

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NHL

Toews' return confirmed

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews is returning to the lineup for Game 1 of the Blackhawks' playoff series against the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday.

Toews missed the final 22 games of the regular season because of a concussion, but started practising with the team this week.

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Vitt takes over for Saints

NFL. Payton's 2nd-in-command named interim coach despite 6-game suspension in bounty probe

Sean Payton handed over control of his team to Joe Vitt once before and the Saints have decided to do it again.

The Saints Thursday named Payton's trusted second-in-command their interim coach, despite the fact that Vitt will miss a third of the season for his role in New Orleans' bounty system.

For his part, Payton received a season-long suspension which begins Monday. Vitt, who takes over Monday, was handed a six-game suspension.

Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said in his announcement that the team will address at a later time how to divvy up Vitt's responsibilities during his six-week absence.

"It is important that we keep Sean Payton's philosophy front and centre during this season," Loomis said. "Sean has been the driving force behind the tremendous success our team has enjoyed during the past six years. His leadership will be missed.

"We considered a number of great options to handle Payton's duties both internally and externally, but believe this will provide the most seamless transition for our players and our coaching staff, allowing our offensive and defensive staffs to remain intact with the fewest changes. This is the same structure we used last season during Sean's knee injury."

Vitt, who carries the titles of assistant head coach and linebackers coach, briefly stepped in as acting head coach last season when Payton broke his leg.

Vitt also was interim coach with St. Louis in 2005 before joining New Orleans as part of Payton's very first staff in 2006.

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Quoted

"We need to set a course of action that gives us the best chance to win this season."

Mickey Loomis, Saints general manager

MLB

Damon may hit 3,000 yet

The Cleveland Indians may have found a boost for their stagnant offence.

The team has reached agreement on a $1.25-million US, one-year contract with free-agent outfielder Johnny Damon, a person familiar with the deal said Thursday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Indians had not yet announced the agreement.

Damon is just 277 hits from 3,000 and was looking to catch on with a team to prolong his career.

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NHL

Dirty hit costs Bitz two games

Vancouver Canucks forward Byron Bitz was suspended two games on Thursday for boarding Los Angeles Kings forward Kyle Clifford during Game 1 of the Western Conference quarter-final.

Bitz hit Clifford from behind in the second period.

"Bitz sees Clifford's back and numbers throughout his approach to this check and has ample time to make a different play," said NHL disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan in a video describing the incident.

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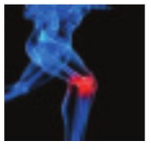

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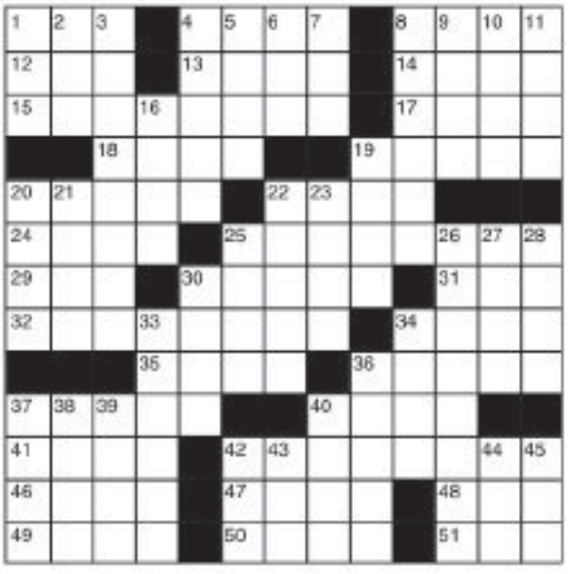
4 Spat
8 Walk of Fame emblem
12 Eggs
13 Lotion additive
14 Quasimodo's creator
15 Author Peter
17 Piccadilly statue
18 New Mexico art colony
19 Shabby
20 Polished
22 Bat a gnat
24 Being, to Brutus
25 TV host Peter
29 Island souvenir
30 Cobbler's supply
31 Halloween shout
32 Singer Peter
34 Machu Picchu's site
35 Normandy city
36 Attuned
37 Marshlike
40 Antitoxins
41 Bloodhound's clue
42 Late newsman Peter
46 1492 craft
47 "Zounds!"
48 Bill's partner
49 Recognized
50 Take-out phrase
51 Eternity

Down

1 Filch
2 Prior night
3 Disney classic
4 California-Nevada lake
5 Afflictions
6 Adversary
7 "SNL" alumna Tina
8 Scabbard
9 Swerve
10 Enthusiastic
11 Optimistic
16 Yogi Bear's home
19 Factor in Einstein's equation
20 "To thine own — be true"
21 Internet surfer
22 Beauty parlor
23 Small songbird
25 Speck
26 Temporary inactivity
27 Traditional tales
28 Stentorian
30 Fix, in a sense
33 Dr. Phil
34 Graceful young woman
36 Japanese fencing
37 Hit
38 Valhalla VIP
39 Vanished
40 Sweater woe
42 Lustrous black
43 Freudian concept
44 Sticky stuff
45 Heir, often



Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

U Y J G D V R U V K D I E I V E

D S U U B U S K V E B J J V G R S K J V Z M

O S S M J E Y O O O K S U J I B B T:

"E V K J V Z M E K G T B J O S K B X B K."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A ROBOT IS VERY ABSORBED IN VIEWING SOMETHING, MIGHT ONE SAY ITS EYES ARE RIVETED?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

Sudoku

	6	9		1	4	8		
	1				8			6
			2	6				
		8				9	3	
			5		9			
	7	3				6		
				9	1			
4			6				7	
		7	4	8		3	2	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	3	9	2	6	7	1	5
2	7	6	5	1	4	3	9	8
1	9	5	3	7	8	6	2	4
5	6	8	1	9	2	4	7	3
4	3	1	7	6	5	9	8	2
9	2	7	4	8	3	5	6	1
6	5	9	2	4	1	8	3	7
7	1	4	8	3	9	2	5	6
3	8	2	6	5	7	1	4	9

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. It may be Friday the 13th but don't be afraid to take a few chances.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be short of self-belief at the moment but your confidence will soar when you realize there is little, if anything, to fear.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Use the morning to get your thoughts together and make plans, then act quickly and decisively in the after noon hours.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Question everything you're told today — not just things that are suspect but even things you have no reason to be suspicious of.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Being the nice guy you are, you tend to give people the benefit of the doubt. Today, don't risk your money on other people's promises.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Do you knock off early or get as much work done as possible? Knuckle down now, then enjoy the weekend.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Loved ones feel a little left out of things at the moment, so find out what it is they need from you and give it to them.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Some tasks can be safely ignored today and some tasks need to be dealt with straight away.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Don't come across too eager on the work front today because that will make you look desperate and put you at a disadvantage.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Try not to let minor fears become major anxieties today. Be positive, and life will be positive too.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You seem to believe a simple problem must have a complicated solution. Stand back from the situation and see it for what it really is.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you want to change your world for the better you have got to take action, and soon. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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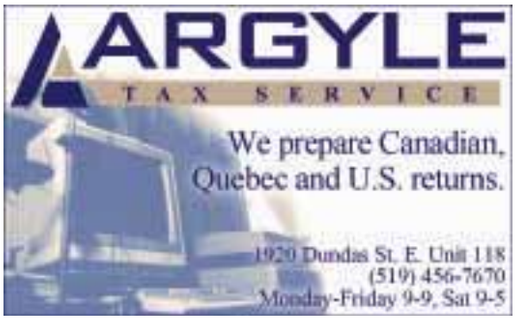

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